



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

January 2013

City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

- Main Number..... 801-966-3600
City Manager..... 801-963-3220
Police Department. 801-963-3386
Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000
Fire Department..... 801-963-3336
Justice Courts..... 801-963-3590
Emergency911
Family Fitness Center.....
801-955-4000
Garbage Questions 801-955-3720
Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448
Housing Authority . 801-963-3320
Parks and Rec..... 801-955-4000
Harman Home 801-965-5822
Stonebridge Golf Course.....
801-957-9000
West Ridge Golf Course.....
801-965-5800
Graffiti Hot Line 801-963-3467
Animal Services..... 801-965-5800
Victims Services 801-963-3223
Ordinance Compliance
801-963-3289
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
801-965-5100

Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

West Valley City Hall
3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

NEW YEAR, NEW PLAN

A message from Councilmember Tom Huynh

I have spoken to many of you and I have learned greatly while visiting my neighbors that no matter what our ethnicity, skin color, language, or economic status, we have the same concerns.

One of our real concerns was our property tax. In 2008, the economy was going downhill, our city was behind with our sales tax close to 10 percent, and we were in a very tough position. In order to cover our short budget, our city was going to increase property tax by 18.15 percent as I began running for a city councilman in District One in 2011.

Our city manager recently said, “I am pleased to report that no property tax increase is being considered this fiscal year 2012/2013. This is due largely to the fact that we are seeing a revitalization of economic growth in our city along

the 5600 South corridor, major redevelopment effort at our Fairbourne Station, and Valley Fair Mall...the city also managed to attract new business and residential development, new retail development such as the Mall and Target...our future is getting even brighter”

I know our city plan is to continue bringing sales tax revenue into our city. I also believe the best form of our government is less taxes, less spending, and less regulations. We are trying to achieve our goals, so we can avoid raising our property tax in years to come.

Again, I want to thank all of you who are embracing me as a citizen--who are giving me an opportunity to serve, and who are having faith in me. I will do my very best to ensure that your trust and faith are well invested.

COLD ROOMS IN YOUR HOME? TRY THESE HEATING TIPS

By Ed Domian, Chief Building Official

TIP #1: You need to remember that hot air always rises; cold air will settle to the floor. If your finished room(s) in your basement are colder than the remaining home in the winter, first keep the door to the stairs shut. Otherwise all the heated air that your furnace blows into your basement family room or bedrooms will immediately race up the stairs (hot air rises). Also any cold air in those basement rooms will stay trapped down in those lower rooms with no way to escape. Most homes constructed before 2006 lack a cold air return grille in the basement. A cold air return grille is typically larger than a heat register so there are just a few in the home. Each cold air return grille is connected to ductwork which extends back to the furnace through the furnace filter. When the furnace runs to push heated air through the heating ducts, it also is pulling cold stagnant air from different locations in the home through the return air ducts. The furnace filter cleans this stagnant air and the furnace then reheats this air and sends it to all rooms in the home through the heat registers. If you have no cold air return grille in those basement rooms, that cold air will be trapped down there making those rooms much colder than the remaining home regardless of how much heat you send into those rooms through the heat registers.

TIP #2: If you have other rooms in your home that are cold (like on the 2nd floor), consider this. The rooms that get the least amount of heat are those rooms furthest away from the furnace. This distance is measured along the path of travel of the heat ducts; some heat registers are only 20 feet from the furnace; others may be 50 feet

from the furnace. How long and how much heat a furnace produces during a typical heating cycle is regulated by the room with the thermostat. If the thermostat is located in the family room on the main floor of your home, as soon as that family room reaches the thermostat setting of 68 degrees (for example), the thermostat tells the furnace to stop producing heat. Nobody told the thermostat that the bedroom furthest away is still cold so Little Johnny gets stuck sleeping in a cold bedroom. Try this trick: set all heat register grilles partially open (1/3 to 1/2) on that main floor, especially in the room with the thermostat. Adjust all other heat register grilles in all rooms on the second floor and in the basement fully open. This will make the furnace work longer to heat the family room at the thermostat thereby sending heated air for a longer period of time to all those cooler rooms on the second floor and in the basement. If one of those rooms gets too warm, just close that heat register grille a little more. This is a crude but effective way of balancing your heating system without special tools or instruments. NOTE: Make sure you close all basement heat register grilles during air conditioning season; no sense in cooling an already naturally cool basement.

TIP #3: Finally I can't emphasize enough the importance of changing the furnace filter at least every three months. Otherwise your furnace has to work too hard, furnace parts get dirty and wear out sooner, and the life of that \$3000 furnace is shortened. An average furnace should last 20 years with minimal maintenance and an annual cleaning. After 20 years as much as 50% of the heat produced is wasted up the metal chimney.

Did you know income tax preparation help is available?

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a **FREE** program is available for households with an income below \$51,000.



The City Hall site will be open:
January 31 - April 11
Tuesdays and Thursdays
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please dial 2-1-1 for more information about this site and others in Salt Lake County.



Please keep these guidelines in mind in regard to winter weather:

- Per City ordinance, do not park on the streets during or right after a snowstorm. The snowplows cannot see your vehicles and cannot plow the streets

clean with cars parked at the curb. It is especially important to keep all vehicles out of cul-de-sacs. The plows have a hard time getting around the circles and it is impossible to plow if there is anything parked in the circle. **Cars parked on streets with snow accumulated on the street may be ticketed.**

- All residents are responsible for clearing their own property, including sidewalks and the area in front of mailboxes and fire hydrants. This needs to be done within 24 hours after a storm ceases. City ordinance prohibits placing snow in gutters or streets from snow blowers or shovels. **Failure to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a storm ceases can lead to fines.**

- City crews will clear arterial and major collector streets first and streets servicing emergency response facilities 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Followed by minor collector streets and streets serving schools, and finally all other streets after a snow accumulation of 2 inches. Ice control materials may be applied to intersections, hills, school crosswalks, and other severely icy areas during regular working hours.

- During off hours, snow and ice control will be provided prior to the morning peak traffic hour or after an accumulation of 4 inches on non-major arterial and major collector streets.

Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips



- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.

- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.

- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.

- Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.

- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.



February 2, 2013
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

West Valley City Family Fitness Center
5415 West 3100 South



Our free Financial Fitness Fair can help you!

Free tax preparation
Learn smart money skills

Prizes, food and fun for the whole family | Spanish speakers available

Dial 2-1-1 for more information

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West
801-965-5822

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

January

16 Waffles, 9:30 a.m.

17 Elegant Hands, 9:30 a.m.

18 Bookworm Club,
9:30 a.m.

18 Scheels, 10 a.m.

21 Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

22 Blood Pressure Clinic,
11 a.m.

22 Basic Computer Class,
10 a.m.

23 Table Game Day, 11 a.m.

25 Fun Bunch Lunch,
10:45 a.m.

29 Back Pain Treatment Management, 11 a.m.

29 Basic Computer Class,
10 a.m.

30 Dark Days at the Lucky Strike Mine,
11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

For a complete calendar, visit
www.wvc-ut.gov/harman



Calendar

January

1 New Year, New Love Adoption Event (through January 31)
Animal Shelter, Adult Dogs \$50;
Adult Cats \$10; Kittens \$25

10 Weavers Guild Exhibit
(through February 26)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

16 WVC Watch Wednesdays - NW 101 Neighborhood Watch: How to Get a Group Started
Room 230, West Valley City Hall,
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

18 Utah Grizzlies vs. Bakersfield Condors
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

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21 City Hall Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

21 Utah Grizzlies vs. Idaho Steelheads
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

25 All Star Monster Truck Tour
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February

1 Weavers Guild Exhibit
(through February 26)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center

2 Financial Fitness Fair
Family Fitness Center,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

6 Meet with the Mayor
Mayor's Office, West Valley City Hall,
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

9 Utah Grizzlies vs. Idaho Steelheads
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

10 Utah Grizzlies vs. Idaho Steelheads
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

13 Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Maverik Center, 7 p.m.

Let's Be Social!



Get information on what's happening in West Valley City by liking the City on Facebook or following the City through Twitter. Keep up to date on city events, the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, Neighborhood Services, Animal Services, and the progress of Fairbourne Station. Visit www.wvc-ut.gov/social for a list of all the City's social media pages.

Neighborhood Dumpsters

Residents may begin scheduling dumpsters for 2013 beginning on Monday, February 4, 2013 by calling 801-955-3723. Neighborhood Dumpsters are not automatically scheduled.